DC COMING ATTRACTIONS

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Six Super-Stars in New Dollar Annual!

FIVE STAR SUPER-HERO SPECTACULAR #1 kicks off DC's schedule of 1977 - 1978 annuals as an all-new 80 page Dollar Comic, the first new Dollar Comic package since the initial four titles were released last winter. As the title suggests, there will be five stories featuring five super-heroes, although there will in fact be six DC super-stars featured in this annual.

Batman will be taking on Kobra, accounting for two of our super-stars, in a seventeen page thriller by Marty Pasko, Mike Nasser and Joe Rubinstein. Cary Bates, Irv Novick and Frank McLaughlin add a thirteen page Flash story, Green Lantern and Aquaman each receive twelve page treatments (by Denny O'Neil and Joe Staton, and by Gerry Conway, Dick Dillin and Jack Abel, respectively) and a ten-page Atom short story by Paul Kupperberg and Steve Stiles rounds out the book. Paul Levitz is the book's story editor.

DC presently has thirteen annuals scheduled for the twelve months beginning this June, not counting the various oversize "tabloid" specials. FIVE STAR SUPER-HERO SPECTACULAR will begin general distribution June 16th.

Mr. Miracle Forfeits Mother Box!

After a hiatus of three and one-half years, MR. MIRACLE returns to the newsstands courtesy of Steve Englehart, writer, Marshall Rogers, penciller, and Denny O'Neil, story editor. Resuming with the original numbering, #19 will be released June 23rd.

After his wife, Big Barda, is kidnapped by Granny Goodness, Scott Free enters a situation wherein the all-powerful Mother Box must be destroyed in order to save Barda's life. Whereas the absence of the Box makes Mr. Miracle's life as an escape artist a bit more difficult, he is able to rely on his skills and his natural strengths to extricate him from the dangers of his business. MR. MIRACLE will maintain the classic New Genesis Vs. Apokolips story threads, but will additionally employ the traditional escapes of Houdini and other masters in pulling off the various super escape stunts.

Above all, MR. MIRACLE is a super-hero book, and Scott Free, Big Barda and Oberon will continue to use their Fourth World spawn prowess to save the world from the minions of Darkseid.

Starhunters Begin Cosmic Quest!

For some time now, DC has been dabbling in the field of cosmic comics. THE NEW GODS and MR. MIRACLE have incorporated elements of this recent sub-genre, and SHADE - THE CHANGING MAN has brought forth some interesting intergalactic storylines. DC is proud to announce its latest entry in the cosmic sweepstakes.

Written and created by David Michelinie, STARHUNTERS is the story of a group of people exiled from Earth 150 years from now, ordered off the planet by an all-

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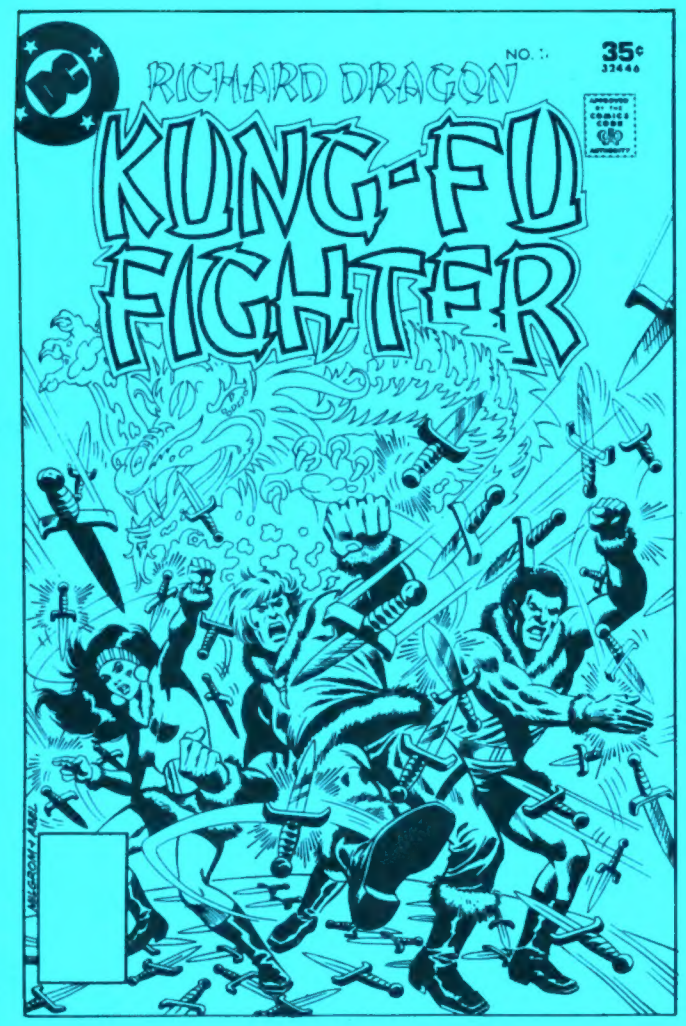

powerful corporation that is its government. Their only hope of ever returning is to find "Homeworld": the secret of the origin of humanity. Led by soldier-of-fortune Donovan Flint, they scour the galaxy on a cosmic quest of intrigue as they are thwarted time and time again by a mysterious life force whose continued existence is dependent on the Starhunters' failure to reach their destination.

Pencilled by Don Newton and inked by Bob Layton, STARHUNTERS premieres in a 34 page origin story in DC SUPER-STARS #16, which will reach the newsstands June 30th. The following month, STARHUNTERS #1 will be released, hitting the stands July 26th.

Legion Becomes Giant-Sized Monthly!

From its humble origins as a clever Superboy story back in 1958, The Legion of Super-Heroes has had a peculiar career. During the next five years, The Legion had about a dozen published adventures and about the same number of cameo appearances. In late 1962, The Legion was awarded the back-up spot in ADVENTURE COMICS. It took the Legion less than a year to crowd Superboy out of the lead position.

This Legion series was discontinued in 1971; shortly thereafter, the super-team started an irregular series of back-up stories in SUPERBOY. Again, it did not take long for that series to crowd the Boy of Steel out of the book: in September, 1973, SUPERBOY became "Superboy and The Legion of Super-Heroes" in the eyes of everybody except the Post Office.

Now even the Post Office has to accept it. With this month's issue, the title officially becomes SUPERBOY AND THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES, and it becomes DC's second all-new 48 page monthly, joining THE JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA.

In celebration, Paul Levitz, Jim Sherman, Mike Nasser and Jack Abel have cooked up a double-length novel titled "A Day in the Death of a World," the story

which marks the return of The Fatal Five. Future issues of the Giant S/LSH will usually feature a full-length story with one of two back-ups solo-starring one or two of the Legionnaires. The first 60¢er goes on sale June 21st.

As for the kid who used to hold down the title all by himself...

Superboy Resumes Adventure Run!

While the Legion doubles the volume of what used to be Superboy's comic book, the Boy of Steel himself returns to solo service in his old stamping grounds, ADVENTURE COMICS. After last year's successful one-shot appearance in DC SUPER-STARS #12, the DC crew knew Superboy would have to return somewhere -- Aquaman's swimming off into his own magazine provided the perfect opportunity. The Boy of Steel's new run in ADVENTURE COMICS is kicked off with a Bob Rozakis script, and John Calnan and Murphy Anderson art. Paul Levitz is ADVENTURE's story editor.

AQUALAD will hold down the back-up slot for the next three issues. Paul Kupperberg will be scripting; art assignments have yet to be made. ADVENTURE COMICS #453 is the place where it all starts; it will grace the newsstands June 28.

Wein-Wrightson Swamp Thing Returns!

As a special summer treat, DC Comics is proud to re-release the first two issues of SWAMP THING as a 60¢ annual. This book, titled THE ORIGINAL SWAMP THING SAGA #1, will be forty-eight interior pages without ads. Len Wein provided the script, Berni Wrightson the art, and Joe Orlando was the book's original editor. At press-time, Berni Wrightson was being pressed into service to provide the new wraparound cover to this tome. THE ORIGINAL SWAMP THING SAGA #1 will hit the stands June 23rd.

"Where Were You When Batman Died?"

BATMAN #291 sports the first part of a certain-to-be-classic four part story, "Where Were You On The Night Batman Was Killed?" In this story, Batman disappears and the underworld has cause to believe him dead. Four master villains each set out to prove before a jury of his or her peers he or she was the one who killed The Batman. Ra's Al Ghul is the "judge" who presides over the trial where District Attorney Two-Face has the responsibility of proving the "defendant" innocent of the crime! The jury consists of such villains as Poison Ivy and The Scarecrow; the accused for issue #291 is The Catwoman. The Riddler, Luthor and The Joker are future defendants.

"Where Were You On The Night Batman Was Killed?" is by David V. Reed, John Calnan and Tex Blaisdell; Julie Schwartz is the editor. BATMAN #291 is scheduled for release June 7th.

Odd Items, Noteworthy News...

With all this heavy news this month, we only have room for a few Odd Items quickies. JONAH HEX #4 is the first monthly issue of the western anti-hero, and to mark the occasion Jose Luis Garcia-Lopez turned in a spectacular pencil and ink job over Mike Fleisher's script...Batman and Green Arrow team-up in BRAVE AND THE BOLD #136...BATMAN FAMILY #13 sports a double-length novel featuring Batgirl, Robin and Man-Bat, written by Bob Rozakis and drawn by Don Newton, Marshall Rogers and Bob Wiacek...The Psycho-Pirate returns to plague the JSA in ALL-STAR #68, by Levitz, Staton and Layton...An old Batman villain, The Cat-Man, takes on the FREEDOM FIGHTERS in the tenth issue of their magazine, as another old Batvillain changes his name and faces off against BLACK LIGHTNING in BL's fourth issue. As long as we're not telling, there is a monumental guest-star aiding BL in this Isabella-Von Eeden-Colletta thriller...The Creeper joins THE SECRET SOCIETY OF SUPER-VILLAINS in their ninth issue, as The Secret Society finds The Trickster to

be their enemy...SUPERMAN is in a return match with Blackrock in #315...The mystery of The Red Tornado and the riddle of The Construct are both polished off in JUSTICE LEAGUE OF AMERICA #146, by Englehart, Dillin and McLaughlin.

Shipping Information

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF MAY 10th:
Jonah Hex #4 / Secret Society of Super-Villains #9 / Ghosts #56

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF MAY 17th:
Justice League of America Giant #146 / Batman #291 / The Flash #253 / Weird War Tales #55 / Karate Kid #10 / Shazam! #31 / Welcome Back, Kotter #6 / Superman #315

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF MAY 24th:
Sgt. Rock #308 / Men of War #2 / Black Lightning #4 / Freedom Fighters #10 / House of Mystery Dollar Comic #254 / Superman Family Dollar Comic #185 / Five-Star Super-Hero Spectacular Dollar Comic Annual #1

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF MAY 31st:
Superboy and the Legion of Super-Heroes Giant #231 / Our Fighting Forces #175 / The Unexpected #181 / Kung-Fu Fighter #17 / Brave and Bold #136 / Mister Miracle #19 / The Original Swamp Thing Giant #1 / Batman Family Giant #13

SHIPPING THE WEEK OF JUNE 7th:
Weird Western Tales #42 / All Star Comics #68 / Adventure Comics #453 / Witching Hour #73 / Wonder Woman #235 / Action Comics #475 / Detective Comics #472 / DC Super-Stars Giant #16 (The Origin of Starhunters)